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OPERATION BEACHHEAD

NASHUA MAN SENTENCED IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING CASE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, NH State Police Colonel Gary Sloper and the Drug Enforcement Agency New England Field Division Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville announced today that, Bruce Brouillard, age 45, of 4 Danbury Road, Nashua, New Hampshire was sentenced this morning in United States District Court in Concord pursuant to an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Brouillard was sentenced by Judge Steven McAuliffe to a term of incarceration of 60 months and a term of supervised release of four years. In addition, Brouillard was ordered to pay a money judgment of \$100,000 and to forfeit his interest in his residence.

The investigation exposed one of the most substantial and deeply rooted cocaine organizations in New Hampshire. This organization of local business people operated with impunity for over twenty years and had strong ties to national and local motorcycle gangs. The initial phase of the investigation resulted in the arrest of 20 defendants who were distributing and using cocaine in local bars in the Hampton Beach area during the summer season. When it was determined that Nashua-based dealers controlled the distribution to the Hampton Beach bars, wiretap intercepts were conducted on several of the telephones used by the cocaine dealers in Nashua. The wire intercepts resulted in the interception and subsequent arrest and conviction at trial of one of the Massachusetts-based suppliers to the Nashua-based organization. Subsequently, a long term grand jury investigation was initiated and approximately 20 documentary search warrants were executed. During the grand jury investigation, parallel civil forfeiture proceedings were also conducted. To date, in excess of a million dollars in assets have been seized or filed against. The civil forfeiture case named a number of the defendants' residences and their vehicles, including motorcycles, snowmobiles and a fishing vessel, as well

as many investment accounts. Additionally, twenty (20) firearms were seized. In addition, all the Nashua defendants have pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking charges and have been sentenced. Another defendant was sentenced to a term of incarceration for federal firearms charges.

In commenting on the plea, U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “This case is an outstanding example of how the use of electronic surveillance and the close cooperation of federal, state and local law enforcement allowed us to bring to justice an individual who had dealt cocaine with impunity for over a decade.”

This is the last defendant to be sentenced in the investigations of “Operation Beachhead” and “Operation Jambalaya” which was conducted by the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the DEA Mobile Enforcement Team (Boston) and the Nashua Police Department with the assistance of the Hampton (NH) Police Department, the Internal Revenue Service and the New Hampshire Drug Task Force.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark Irish, Jean Weld, Clyde Garrigan and Rob Rabuck.